

NEW Manufacturing Alliance
TECH ED TEACHER SOLUTIONS MEETING NOTES
NWTC – Green Bay, WI
April 12, 2017
Minutes

Attendees: Tom Barnhart, Michael Beeth, Andy Bushmaker, Joe Ciontea, Joe Draves, Corey Hansen, Andy Rinke, Dave Stroud, and Ann Franz

Topic 1: Updates from technical colleges and UWO regarding courses/degree programs

FVTC and UWO continue to work on a 2 + 2 program. FVTC is also working with UW Stout to determine what technical college credits will articulate into the Technology Education degree at the university. UW Stout is not interested in an Associate degree agreement with the college, however students can have approximately 46 credits transfer to UW Stout. Andy shared documents that identify classes at FVTC that are transferrable to each of the universities. UW Oshkosh can transfer approximately 60 credits. There are two new courses that would need to be developed called: K-12 Summer Camp Teaching Practicum and Technical Occupations Internship. This would add 8 more credits. Mike shared that next steps in having the 2 + 2 degree program approved would be for UW-Oshkosh to notify all of the other university system colleges about their intent. After there is an opportunity for the colleges to respond, the Board of Regents need to approve the B.S. in Education in Technology Education. His hope is that fall of 2018 it will be an official degree program. Ann shared that the Alliance will write a letter of support to the Board of Regents. Joe shared that WTEA would also be interested in writing a letter of support. Andy plans on doing an analysis with Joe on the NWTC courses that will articulate with UW-Oshkosh.

Topic 2: Connecting schools with the Alliance's grant opportunity

Mike shared that all 6 Alliance scholarships have been used. Ann asked the tech colleges to share information about the scholarship with teachers. Lakeland University and LTC's Technology Education B.S. degree program will start in the fall of 2017. Ann has sent the college two \$1,000 scholarships

Topic 3: Pilot manufacturers donating an employee to team teach

Andy Bushmaker shared that he has two employees that might be a good fit to teach at Bay Link in the fall. Ann will reach out to Tina to determine if the school is interested. There will need to be a discussion regarding who pays the employee the company or the school.

Topic 4: Communication strategy about the shortage of tech ed teachers

The Skills USA annual conference is being held on April 25-26 in Madison. There will be a presentation by WTEA n on the main stage about great jobs in tech ed. There will be approximately 2,000 students in attendance. WTEA will also have an exhibit booth at the event. Tech ed teachers are also encouraged to hang a Careers in Tech Ed poster in their classroom.

Topic 5: WTEA

Ann thanked WTEA for the award the Alliance received at the WTEA conference held on March 3, 2017 at Wisconsin Dells. In addition, the Alliance was given the opportunity to present at the conference about the Get Real Math videos. Dave shared that the WTEA is developing an advisory board that will meet a few times a year. Contact Dave if you have interest in serving on this advisory board. WTEA appreciates any opportunity to work in partnership for any dual events, for example the Get Real Math Video Premiere and Manufacturing First. Joe C. shared that he would like to see if we can work on a High Tech weekend, which is a day and half event on a Friday and Saturday giving tech ed teachers an interactive fun program to increase their knowledge and awareness of manufacturing.

Topic 5: Next steps and next meeting

The next meeting will be held on June 6 at 4 p.m. at FVTC.